Prices of Voveran range of formulations

6871. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1309 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the Ministry have reduced the prices of Voveran range of formulations based on the market price of Diclofenac Sodium;

(b) whether it is a fact that the same principles were not followed for reducing the price of Ranitidine formulations, Chloramphenicol formulations, Cimetidine formulations, Pyrantel Pamoate formulations and Ampicillin formulations;

(c) what are the reasons for such discrimination and whether it is a fact that deep routed corruption in the BICP and the Ministry was the main cause of such discrimination;

(d) whether it is a fact that the prices of Ranitidine formulations have still not been reduced; and

(e) why did the Ministry not wait for BICP study in respect of Diclofenac sodium ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) As stated in reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4866 answered in the House on 28-4-1994, a price of Rs. 1125/- per kg. for the bulk drug was adopted in fixing/revision of prices of the formulations based on Diclofenac Sodium. Further as stated in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1309 answered in the House on the 3rd March, 1994 price revision of formulations is an on-going work and is generally done on receipt of applications from the manufacturers. However, suo-moto revision is also undertaken on the basis of available information to fulfil the objectives of the Drug Policy 1986 and in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987. Accordingly, as clarified in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4866 answered in the House on 28th April, 1994, the question of any discrimination does not arise. As stated in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3881 answered in the House on 21st April, 1994 the revision of formulation prices of Ranitidine is being processed.

Price of Vitamin B6, Trimethoprim and other bulk drugs

6872. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1302 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1994 and state:

(a) what was the price of Vitamin B6, Trimethoprim, Terbutaline, Ranitidine, Metronidazole, Metronidazole Benzonate, Nalidixic Acid, Pentazocaine, Levamisole, Furazolidone and Ampicillin Sodium on which the formulation prices are based at present and since when;

(b) whether it is a fact that producers and non-producers of bulk drugs are linked with the notified price of the bulk drug and not with their market purchase price; if so, what are the reasons for the same;

(c) when was the cost study of each of these bulk drugs conducted and whether it is a fact that no cost study by the BICP has been conducted thereafter, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the details of the market prices of these bulk drugs as per chemical marketing reporter of IDMA Bulletin or other information available with the Ministry; and

(e) the reasons for not acting on the information as was available with Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Price fixation/ revision of formulations based on scheduled bulk drugs is done in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987, which is an on going process. The Prices of formulations based on indigenously produced bulk drugs are fixed/revised on the basis of actual purchase price or the notified price of the bulk drugs whichever is lower/and on the weighted average landed price or actual procurement price whichever is lower in the case of formulations based on substantially or wholly imported bulk drugs.

(c) After the promulgation of DPCO' 1987, the BICP has submitted report on cost-cum-technical studies in respect of 82 indigenously produced scheduled bulk drugs. Out of the 142 bulk drugs, under price control, at present 38 bulk drugs are reported to be either not manufactured in the country or being substantially imported and for the remaining bulk drugs and the bulk drugs for which validity period has expired fresh cost-cum-technical studies have been initiated by BICP, which is an on going process.

(d) and (e) Market prices of bulk drugs are dependent on a variety of commercial factors. However, in whichever case, difference in the market prices and the notified prices is substantial for a considerable length of time, corrective measures are initiated.

Fixation of ceiling prices of formulations

6873. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has fixed ceiling prices for about 300 packs under DPCO, 1987;

(b) what is the ceiling price currently fixed for each pack and when was it fixed/ revised last;

(c) whether it is fact that several formulations are being sold above the ceiling prices in the market and if so, what are their details;

(d) who keeps watch and reviews the ceiling prices and whether 8 per cent incidentals on bulk drugs have been allowed in the case of all the ceiling prices; and

(e) whether there are any ceiling prices where 8 per cent incidentals on bulk drugs have not been allowed; if so, the names of such formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) The packs for which ceiling prices have been fixed/revised under DPCO 1987 are around 400. These have been notified in the Official Gazette from time to time. The fixation/ revision and the implementation of the prices of formulations, including those of ceiling packs, are done in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987.

Review Committee for DPEA

6874. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that review committee for DPEA set up by the Ministry has been asked to work out liabilities under Drug Price Control Order, 1979 only and not for the full period for which the liabilities are due; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to enlarge the scope of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO